#### VAGARIES OF A PRINCE.

A French Doctor Becomes a Capuchin Friar.

VERACIOUS ANECDOTE OF A CONSCRIPT.

The event of the day is Prince Napoleon's bid for power. Plon-Plon has just delivered his maiden speech in the Chamber of Deputies, and a very fair speech it was, from the French point of view. It had little or nothing to do with the subject immediately under discussion, which was whether the income of country parish priests should be raised from \$180 to \$200 per annum or not. But the speech was well charged with invectives against "clericalism," and drew shouts of applause from the Left and a variety of discordant noises from the Right, Baron Tristan Lambert shouted, "Vive l'Empercur!" by way of reply, and was solemnly consured by a vote of the House, which means that the Baron will lose a menth's salary as Deputy. Prince Napoleon has always en-

AFFECTED HATEED OF PRIESTS. Affected, because the Prince is really a fat man who has scarcely enough soul to hate anything except a bad dinner. But while his cousin was on the throne Pion-Pion contrived to say and do many things which drove the former to the verge of distraction. One day a Bishop would excitedly complain to the Emperor that he had been compelled to pay an official visit to the Prince, and that on being shown into His Highness' presence he had found him reclining on a sofa stark naked. Then the fat man must needs give a dinner party on Good Friday, to , the scandal of Christians of all confessions. Yet many persons calling themselves liberals think the Prince a politician of very close for the Presidency of the Republic. I may add that, after all, the priests did obtain their modest increase of supend, the year being 445 (among them Gambetta), the mays 62 (among them Louis Blanc). The Prince, who had made such a fuss about the mat-

Apropos of dynastic and personal ambitions, a curious bet will shortly be brought before the law courts. On the 23d of June, 1872, M. de Lard, Curé of Sainte-Sabine, agreed to a bet proposed by M. Marche, Mayor the Commune of Noyals-et-Clottes, which was to this effect :- "If the Comte de Chambord becomes King of France within four years of this date M. Marche binds himself to present the Church of Noyals with a remonstrance (vessel in which the host is placed) worth \$100; if the Comfe de Chambord does not become King of France within the lour years M. le Curé de Sanne-Sabine agrees to pay the cost of the remonstrance. On the 23d of June, 1876, M. Marche had, of course, won the bet; but M. le Curé appears in no hurry to pay his debts of honor, and the civil trubunal of Perigueux will accordingly be asked to "invite" the holy man to compliance with the rules of carnal society.

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DELMONICO'S LIONS

have also been engaging the attention of French justice, the said Delmonico being no king of restaurateurs, but a colored gentleman who contrives to frighten several wild beasts out of all self respect nightly for the amusement of the public. Now Delmonice, two hions, one bear and six hyenas are all lodged by a certain M. Oller, who manages the concern with considerable profit to himself, in a house on the Boulevard des Italians, the property of Sir Richard Wallace. The Baronet, however, in granting the lease had expressly stipulated that no "noisy" animals should be kept in the house by M. Oller; but Mattre Gerrier, on behalf of the latter, attempted to convince the Court that hyenas were the most tranquil and sober of animals, and never laughed except in the course of business. Mattre Allon, for Sir R. Wallace, was of a wholy different opinion, and asserted that they not only indulged in unseemly mirth during the small hours of the night but that they spread far and wide a nerfume which was not exactly that of eau de Cologne. The Court ruled that Sir Richard had good cruse of complaint, and ordered M. Oller to remove the wild beasts in three days. Should they not have been transferred to other quarters at the expiration of that term M. Oller was to pay Sir Richard Wallace \$20 damages per diem so long as the hyenas and their professional colleagues should remain in his house. The town of Marseilles has recently been startled by an incident which transports the imagination.

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BACK TO THE MIDDLE AGES.

M. Marius Smalbert was till last week a distinguished surgeon of the southern metropolis, in the enjoyment of an excellent bractice, but still more helicorably distinguished for his charity to the poor, whom he treated gratis and often helped in the critical time of convalescence with gifts of money and food. Now, at the age of thirty-two, he quits the great world in which he was discharging so useful and beneficent a part and buries his taient in a monastery of Capuchin frairs. Such, at least, will be the judgment of most of his friends when they learn that their gifted and genial comrade has taken the vows which tult him off from ambition, from liberty, and even from the happiness of home. But perhaps he has thosen the letter part. In any case, there is not an account of the first game and was played by David Egglar magninst J. Pyer and William Flyor and Uniform the best permet by the letter of the grant base of the first game and third games Egglar made some beautiful plays, and he won the game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some of the first playing ever seen in this game some o ment of most of his friends when they learn that their gited and genal comrade has taken the vows which cut him off from ambition, from liberty, and even from the happiness of home. But perhaps he has chosen the better part. In any case, there is not much fear lest too many should follow his example.

Fortunately, philanthropy has many other forms, and a rather good story is circulating at the present moment concerning an excellent gentleman, well known for his unostentations benevolence, and whom, not to wound his spacepitolities, we may term the Marquis can be generous and even munificent on occasion, vet, like many of his countrymen, he is for himself of a frugal turn of mind, and a beggar was by no means surprised the piner day to see him issuing forth from a small inquor store, where he had evidently been buying some cigars, one of which he had just lit. The mendicant indeed lost no time in turning the meeting to profit. "Monsieur," he said, "Won't you give me just ten sous?" "And why ten?" quoth the (French) Marquis. "Just to buy myself a little packet of tobacco. You, monsieur, are yeurself a smoker—you mus understand my feetings." "Be it so," replied the gentleman, and stepped again into the shop to buy the covered mirecite. But the begar, emoddened, laid a hand on his sleeve. "If you please, monsieur, it thuk it would rather have the money half in tobacco and half in absinthe." This was too much for "monsieur," who replaced the halffrane in his wasteout pocket. And the moral of the story is—well, we may leave Alice's Duchess to draw whatsoever moral she pleases from this and other events, which, after all, speak plainly enough for themselves. One good story may serve as a fair apology for another. The following is a genuine

PACT OF CONTEMPORABLY BISTONY.

A youthful seion of a highly aristocratic family is at present serving his year in the army as a voiunteer, in the homole but useful capacity of "full private." The corporal, a mazost, looks court martials and shot drills, and is about to rejoin in h

#### "OUR HUMORISTS."

Mr. W. S. Andrews delivered a lecture last evening in Steinway Hall, before the Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen on "Our Humorists." He alluded to the healthfulness following the reading or listening to the productions of humorists, and then gave quotations from Artemus Ward, Mark Twain, Sidney Smith, from Artemus ward, Mark Iwan, Shaney Smith, Dickons, Irving, Phoenix, Doessticks, Downing, Adier, and other hamorists, which proved a source of delight to his audience. The lecturer's changes of voice and manner in queting from the different authors was one of the most enjoyable features of the evening's enter-

## A CHESS EXPLOIT.

Mr. H. E. Bird, the English chess player, who left This city yesterday for Canada, played twenty simultaneous games, commencing at two P. M. and terminating at five P. M. The event proved very attractive, eliciting interesting and pretty specimens of play. Mr. Bird won nineteen games, losing one only to Mr. Thompson, of Brooklyn.

## JERSEYMEN AROUSED.

At the meeting of the Board of Freeholders in Jersey City yesterday several petitions were presented against the purchase of the site of the new Court against the purchase of the site of the new Court House on the Harrison estate. Mayor Stedler has received several letters commending his action. A mass meeting will be held to-morrow evening at Kepler Hall to take the whole question into consideration. The Mayor will preside,

#### MEXICO.

THE REVOLUTION NOT YET ENDED-CONTEN-TION BETWEEN IGLESIAS AND DIAZ-TEE TROOPS OF DIAZ MOVING OUT OF THE CITY-

Most important and interesting events continue to follow each other in rapid succession. General Diaz occupies the capital, to the satisfaction of the majority of its population. But the revolution is by no means at an end. In truth, the political situation is far more menacing than when I last wrote. Senor Iglesias, ex-Vice President of the Republic, who has established his seat of government in Guanajuato, under the protection of Governor Antillon, of that State, refuses all compromises with General Diaz or a recognition of his plan of Tuxtepec or Palo Blanco, and, in consequence, an appeal to arms follows as an inevitable result.

DIAZ'S PORCES MOVING. During the past week the army of General Diaz, inended for the campaign against Iglesias, have been leaving the city in a westwardly direction, consisting of infantry and cavalry, numbering at least 15,000 men and eighty pieces of artillery. General Diaz will leave to-morrow, perhaps, to take command in person, and in anticipation of this has already issued a prociamation, leaving meanwhile the executive power in the his duties immediately upon the departure of General

Diaz.

SEXTY THOUSAND MEN UNDER ARMS.

It is estimated that there are now not far from 80,000 men under arms throughout the country, the greater part of whom are supporting the banners of Diaz and Iglestas, the army of the former numbering far the most and being greatly attached to the person

The late unseasonable rain has made the march toward the interior of General Diaz's troops both difficult and slow; but, notwithstanding, a battle at an early day

LERDO'S MOVEMENTS. Señor Lerdo de Tejada, the still fleeing President, at last accounts was nearing the port of Acapulco, which he is supposed to have reached ere this, and to have embarked either for San Francisco or Panama. Little or no notice has been taken of his movements since his flight. General Mejla, his ex-Secretary of War, was ordered to leave the country ten days since, and in compliance left immediately for Vera Cruz, en route for the United States or Europe.

#### MASONIC ELECTIONS.

The annual Convention of Manhattan Chapter, No. 184, Royal Arch Masonz, was beld in Masonic Temple on Wednesday evening. The following officers were

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Albert H. Dakin, High Priest; Benjamin A. Clooney, King; Thomas M. Mider, Scribe; Philip Botzong, Treasurer; R. E. Wilham T. Woodruff, Secretary; E. Joseph H. Clute, Captain of the Host; Henry G. Brown, Principal Sojourner; George W. Homans, Royal Arch Captain; John B. Hill, Master of Third Vall; George H. Strange, Master of Second Vail; Robert A. Wisdom, Master of First Vail; M. E. Charles J. Bliven, Chapiain; George A. Russell, Organist; John Salt, Tiler; M. F. John J. Gorman, J. Walince MacWhinnle and Thompson A. Doughty, Trustees.

The installation cerymonies were performed by R. E. William T. Woodruff, assisted by M. E. Charles J. Bliven, past high priests.

Richmond Lodge, No. 66, F. and A. M., has elected the following named efficers for the coming year:—R. P. Brown, W. M.; f. J. Butler, S. W.; George F. Hallock, J. W.; James Seaton, Treasurer; Livingston Snedeker, Secretary; John P. Kobler, Trustee. The new officers were duly installed on Wednesday evening. Silentia Lodge, No. 198 F. and A. M., have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—James Friddy, Jr., Master; David Schuitze, S. W.; Thomas M. Glence, J. W.; Rueben M. Rotacher, Treasurer; Thomas K. Durham, Secretary; Wilbur F. Smith, S. D.; James E. Goes, J. D.; Frank R. Debevoise, S. M. of Ceremonies; Edmond Walsh, J. M. of Ceremonies; Benjamin F. Conking, Organist; John Hill, Tyler; George Hill, Chaplain.

#### HANDBALL AND RACKET.

Yesterday was quite an exciting day at McQuade's racket court, several first class contests, both at rackets and handball, taking place. The first match was for \$200, at handball, the champion, B. McQuade, playing against two noted amateurs of New York and New m five, the former coming off victor after a hot contest. The score was as follows:-McQuade, 14, 17, 21, 21, 21; F. Tobin and P. Seery, 21, 21, 10, 13, 14.

Then followed the match of the day, which was at America rackets, and was played by David

David O'Brien and P. Hicke, best two in three games. O'Brien won the first game by 21 to 17; Hicke next by 21 to 18. The mitch was then postponed on account of darkness until next Wednesday.

During the day there was a splendid game of rackets.

J. Manix played single handed against William Hanley and J. Hick, the best two in three games, fifteen accs up. This game was won by Manix, whose score was 15 to 11, 7 to 15 and 15 to 9.

## LOADED PISTOL LUNACY.

On Wednesday night John Hocksheim, a resident of this city, and working for a wood vender at Gutten burg. N. J., was fatally shot by Charles Larabee, a onelegged veteran, residing at Bergenwood avenue, Union legged veteran, residing at Bergenwood avenue, Union Hill, N. J. Larabee, it appears, offered to sell Hocksheim an old-fashioned pistol, and while explaining how it could be handled with safety the charge exploded, entering Hocksheim's body under his ribs and passing into his bowels. The wounded man was taken to Formen's Hotel, where he was attended by Dr. De Groff, who probed, but in vain, for the bullet. At his own desire he was subsequently removed to Larabee's house, whom he exculpates from all blame.

Adolph Boese, a boy in the Domestic Telegraph office, Newark, accidentally shot himself in the jaw last evening while playing with a pistol. It is teared that the wound will prove fatal. Attempts to find the ball by probing have failed.

## YELLOW JACK EXAMINED.

The New York Academy of Medicine held a stated meeting last evening at their hall. No. 12 West Thirtyfirst street, the president, Dr. S. S. Purple, in the nest street, the president, Dr. S. S. Purple, in the chair, at which resolutions were adopted condoling with the friends of Doctors J. S. Thebaud and George Wilkes, lately deceased, both of whom were Fellows of the Academy. Dr. White read a paper on "The Epidemic Fever of Savannah in 1876," in which he discussed the causes, spread and decline of the discase, and giving full descriptions of its symptoms and the method of treatment which was found most advanta-geous. The Doctor does not consider the malignant type of yellow fever which carried off so many in Savannah as endemic in this country.

## CONSPIRING TO DEFRAUD

At Washington, Warren county, N. J., Detectives Hemminger and Smith, of the Newark police, yester-day arrested Jacob W. Cole and his son Isaac, on a charge of conspiring to defraud Mr. Geerge Ballard out of the sum of \$60,000. The son was recently in partnership with the complainant, under the firm name of Ballard & Cole, children's carriage manufacturers, 210 Academy street, Newark.

## CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT.

William H. Timmons was arrested yesterday on a charge of embezziement preferred by Mr. Philip Heckcharge of embezziement preferred by Mr. Philip Heck-man, of Mulberry and Mechanic streets, Newark. It appears that some time ago the accused was intrusted to collect \$472 for the complainant, and failed to hand it over. Itimious admitted that he got the money, but said that he lost it in Perth Amboy, and that he had offered a reward of \$5.00 for its recovery, without effect. It is understood that other and more serious charges will be preferred against the prisoner.

## FENCE IN THE TRACKS.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has at last begun the work of fencing in the railroad between Marion and the Hackensack River. Several accidents have occurred on this section and the company was forced into this action by appeals to the Grand Jury.

## RAPID TRANSIT.

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To THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—
Your reporter has been misinformed. I am not an authority for the opinion that another appeal may not be taken from the decision against the Elevated Railroad Company. The recent decision of the Court of Appeals determines only that the injunction against the company may not be reviewed by that tribunel before judgment. Alter judgment every question of law in the case may be reviewed by the Court of Appeals. Very respectfully, ROGER A. PRYOR.

#### A DISHONEST PUBLISHER.

Considerable excitement was caused yesterday by the announcement that the publisher of a prominent religious newspaper had absconded with money belonging to the stockholders, under whose auspices the paper was circulated. Inquiry elicited the fact that which John D. Benedict is publisher. The affairs of the concern have for some time been rather mixed.

which John B. Benedict is publisher. The affairs of the concern have for some time been rather mixed. Benedict has been in the employ of the company since April, 1876, and resided at Leasingburg, N. Y., where he has a wife.

Last fall the publishing company caused to be inserted in a morning paper an advertisement for a business manager. Among the applicants was a journalist of this city. Representations were made that considerable money would pass through the hands of the business manager, and that a deposit of \$2,000 would be necessary, as a guarantee of good faith. The amount was duly deposited, for which a note having three months to run was given. At the expiration of the time members of the company declined paying the note, declaring that there was no money on hand. When questioned as to what was done with the money deposited the publisher declared that it was used to pay the old debts of the concern. Suit was brought against the company and Judgment was obtained for the full amount, with interest. This judgment was subsceepently sold to one of, the members of the publishing company for \$600 and \$400 in notes, which have never been paid. The paper has been in existence for four years. The Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., was its editor in chief until six months ago, when a receiver was appointed. The other editors were Rev. E. B. Sanford, of Thomaston, Comp., and Rev. Charles W. Jenkins, of this city. They also held stock in the company. The office of the paper was at No. 57 Bible House.

#### DRIVEN TO DESPERATION.

The attention of the Coroner of Brooklyn was yester day called to the suicide of Peter Snellgrover, aged forty-five years, residing at No. 14 Fourth street. Dr. G. W. Welty was summoned to attend him on Wednes day morning, and found the patient suffering from ments the doctor ascertained that the unfortunate man had coolly determined to take his life. Snellgrover asserted that the intemperate habits of his wife had made him miserable. It appears that on Tuesday night last Sneligrover sent his son Peter, aged ten years, to the drug store kept by Whiliam H. Perrine, No. 548 Court street, to purchase five cents worth of Paris green. He told the child that in case the druggist should ask the purpose for which the poison was to be used to say that it was to kill cockroaches. The druggist waited upon the boy, and, it is alleged, did not inquire what use was to be made of the Paris green. The suicide mixed the nauscating and deadly potion with water and swallowed it, enduring great agony to the time of his death. District Attorney Britton was consulted as to the responsibility of the druggist, Mr. Perrine, for selling poison without having a prescription from a regular practising physician. Mr. Perrine, who has been for many years engaged in the drug husiness in Brooklyn and is much respected, was arrested and held in the sum of \$2,500. Snellgrover leaves a family of six children, one of whom is but a lew weeks oid. asserted that the intemperate habits of his wife had

#### "WANTED" AND "FOUND."

There was an unusual commotion at the junction of Houston and Mulberry streets yesterday afternoon. between two men, whom he held in a vicelike grasp They were taken before the Sergeant in charge. and Gannon stated that the prisoners were confidence men-cue. Edward Haggerty, over twenty years an offender, and frequently "wanted." The story of their capture was told by Detective Gannon in this way:—Haggerty and his partner Harris were seen to go down on pier 42. North River. The officer knew Haggerty and followed him, keeping him in view for nearly an hour. Haggerty met a stranger with whom he could not do anything, and was seen to approach others a literward. Gannen, knowing the with whom he could not do anything, and was seen to approach others a siterward. Gamnon, knowing the prisoners, determined to arrest them, and made a dash for them. He took them both and brought them up toward the Central Office. While they were passing the Eighth precinct station, Gannon between the two, holding each by an arm, Harris tried to get away, but failed. Feeling that they were in custody, the men began to ease themselves of skeleton keys, which were picked up by a boy, Herman Konig, of No. 45 South Fifth avenue, who appeared at the Central Office and identified the men who dropped them. Harris was searched and a jimmy and chisel found on him.

#### BOY BEGGARS.

of the Twenty-ninth precinct, while on duty in Twenty sixth street, near Seventh avenue, saw two little boys bout eight years old, who had a basket between them stop and speak to ladies passing through the street. He asked them what any were doing, when the tallest one said, "Looking for bread." He brought them to the station bouse in Thirtieth street, and notified Mr. Lundberg, one of the agents for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Yesterday afterneon the little boys were brought before Justice Bixby. James Donovan, the tailest one, wore an old cloth cap, with fur edging, and a woollen muffler tied over his ears. He had on a ragged lacket and a pair of pants which reached his knees, leaving his legs exposed to the weather. He said be lived at No. 518 West Twenty-nint street with his mother, who made boys' suits in a clothing factory. The other boy, Bernard Corrigan, told the Judge he lived with his father and mother at No. 538 West Twenty-ninth street. His father worked in a paper factory. Officer Nonan said that when he found the boys they were shivering with the cold. Mr. Lundberg said that the boy Donovan had a good home, but was an incorrigible ruant. The parents of the boy Corrigan were in very poor circumstances. Justice Bixby sent both the children to the Juvenile Asylum. Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Yesterday after

## BEATING AN OFFICER.

Yesterday, in the Court of Special Sessions, George H. Tyson, a leader of a gang of west side ruffians, was arraigned for assaulting and beating Officer John McGinn, of the Twenty-second precinct. The officer in his testimony stated that on Sunday, the 17th inst. he was called on to arrest Tyson for having viohe was called on to arrest Tyson for having violently attempted to break into the store of
a Mr. Duncan, of No. 569 Eleventh avenue.
While taking him to the station house
Tyson broke away from the officer but was pursued
and shortly rearrested. A mob of the prisoner's
friends then set upon McGinn and pelied him with
stones and other missiles. Two of the officer's
teeth were knocked out, two of his ribs broken and
his upper lip was cut and had to be sewed. Tyson
kicked and struggled to get away but the officer heid
on to him until assistance arrived. The prisoner demed the assault, but the Court found him gailty and
sentenced him to one year at hard labor in the Penitentary.

## A BOGUS BISMARCK.

A stout German, named Charles Kodrendorfer entered the oyster saloon No. 151 Essex street and began talking to the waiter in a nonsensical way. He finally became violent in his demeanor, and the prietor, who was unable to quiet him, called in Officer Lamlein, of the Tenth precinct, who took him to the Lamlein, of the Tenth precinct, who took him to the station house in Eldridge street. While on the way he told the officer that he was President Grant's brother, and had received instructions from head-quarters in Washington to take charge of the oyster saloon and carry it on on an improved plan. When he was brought before Justice Flammer, at the Essex Market Court yesterday, he at lirst declared himself to be Graf Von Bismarck, and then stoutly asserted that he was a nephew of Kaiser Whilehm and had visited this country in order to purchase 5,000,000 rifles for the Russian government. Justice Flammer committed the unfortunate man to the care of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction.

## A HEAVY HAUL.

Inspectors Nevius and Smith, of Special Treasury Agent Brackett's staff, yesterday serzed 316 packages of cigarettes from the Havana steamer City of New York; also, 100 Napoleon brand cigars, gilt edges, and packed in elegant satinwood boxes. They also seized 1.800 cigars and five cases of French brandy, seventeen packages of snuff, and thirteen packages of thread on the Hamburg steamer Rhine. No entry of these goods appeared on the vessels' manifests, and the officers therefore considered them as contraband. The articles have been turned over to the seizure room. Deputy Collector Dudley F. Phelps will take immediate steps for their confiscation.

## A PRETTY WOMAN'S THEFTS.

Miss Augusta Pratt, a prepossessing young woman was employed a few months ago by William Abbott, a retail dry goods dealer in Passale, as saleswoman. She was very highly recommended from the church of the Holy Communion in New York, and Mr. Abbott was very unwilling to charge her with pilering goods from his store, but the evidence became so convincing that he had her arrested yesterday. Over \$50 worth of Mr. Abbott's goods were found in her trunk and she contessed the theft. An officer took her to the county jail at Paterson and she was committed for trial.

## A TELL-TALE COIN.

Michael Kelly and Samuel Brown, indicted for breaking into the grocery store of Christian Earing, on Graham avenue, Brooklyn, on November 18, were tried in victed. Among the articles stolen, none of which were scription, "Our country." Three days after the robbery they were arrested and several count found in their possession. Among them was the tell-tale token marked "Our country." The prisoners were remanded to await sentence. of great value, was a copper coin, on which was the in-

#### CUSTOM HOUSE POETRY.

SENSIBLE REPUBLICANS REPUSE TO ADD AN-OTHER HORROR TO THE EROCKLYN CA-

"Gentlemen, our hearts as republicans are bleed ing," said the venerable warrior, Colonel A. J. H. Dunen in Deputy Collector Lydecker's room in the Cusare bleeding, and I will briefly state the object of this meeting. To begin with, I will read the call in response to which you are assembled:-

New York, Dec. 20, 1876.
You are requested to be present at the adjourned meeting of republican gentlemen, to take place at the Custom House on Thursday (to-morrow), at four o'clock P. M.

H. POWELL

"A few eminent republican gentlemen met a few days ago and discussed the terrible disaster which overtook Brooklyn in the burning of the theatre. They decided once sustain its reputation for charity by adepting

ment should be called upon to assist in the enterprise, and, by concerted action, a splendid result would be achieved. I, myself, gentlemen, have prepared a poem which I propose to read flooks of consternation exchanged by the assemblage] to read at a meeting to be held in Cooper Institute at some convenient time. [Sighs of relief.] This poem, gentlemen [here the valiant Colonel thrust one hand mut the breast of his coat and with the other supported its tails, his favorite posture], is devoted to politics and to the praise of the glorious republican party. Hon, William M. Evarts has also consented to speak, but in prose, and M. Peter Cooper has generously tendered the use of the hall for the meeting free of charge. Having said so much it now rests with you, gentlemen, to take such action as is necessary in the premises."

The gallant solder sat down with the satisfied and complacent air of one who feels his duty and his whole duty to his race.

"Now," said Mr. Mulligan, who followed the Colonel, "thile I am heartily in favor of doing all that lies in my power for the unfortunate sufferers by the Brooklyn fire I am opposed to any movement which partakes of a partisan complexion. I will glady co-operate with citizens generally, but not as a republican or any other politician."

Mr. Horatio l'. Allen then said:—"I don't believe in listening to a poem or speech of a partisan name, recited or delivered before a promiscous audience and under the guise of charity. Such as affair would cast odium on the republican party instead of credit. There is no need to advocate charity under such a pretence, and I would just as soon think of calling a religious meeting and turn it into a pointicia gathering. If a charitable object is to be gained let us have it independent of politicia proclivities. If any gentleman wants to read a poem or deliver an address let him do so by all means; but the republican party as a party must not be identified with poems or anything but republicanism."

"Oh," said Colonel Duganne, "outside of all

men.'''
"I move to adjourn," said Mr. George W. Foster; "It

men."
"I move to adjourn," said Mr. George W. Foster; "it is inconsistent with republicanism to arrogate to itself that it is the only charitable body."
"If the republican party," said Colonel Ehlers, "was called upon to do something as a party in this matter the proper place for it to emanate from should be the General Committee,"
"The card of invitation to this meeting," said General Cochrane. "was evidently a mistake. It should have invited persons of all politics and take concerted action as a body of citizens; then the organized bureaus of the republican party could materially assist the enterprise by the disposal of tickets for such an entertainment as was agreed upon. The only way to get at the noble object in a proper manner was to adjourn and commence anew and on a more liberal basis."

The motion prevailed and the gentlemen present left, rather annoyed at the will-of-the-wisp meeting which was thought to have been called with a view of transacting some inportant business connected with the Presidential election, and Colonel Duganne left, with his breast pocket heaving in the threes of his undelivered poem. All sensitive citizens are now warned and can adopt precautionary measures when he heaves in sight.

## FELL FROM ALOFT.

An action was commenced yesterday in the City Court by Daniel Leaby against William Prail Thomp-son for \$10,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that on the 12th day of September, 1876. while employed on the 12th day of September, 1876, while employed on the lighter or sloop America, owned by the defendant, he went aloft under orders of the defendant for the purpose of tearing off what is termed the "lazy jack halyards." While obeying the defendant's orders the plantiff alleges that he serized hold of the jib halyard strap or rope, which, if it had been sound, would have been capable of holding up a weight of some three tons. It was, however, in a rotten condition, and upon taking hold of it to assist himself in his work, and without any negligence on his part, the whole gave way, and he was precipitated a distance of seventy feet to the deck below, breaking one of his legs and his back, and otherwise injuring himself, and rendering him unfit to pursue any business.

It is claimed by the defendant that the plaintiff received his injuries by his own negligence. The case is still on.

## EQUINE HYDROPHOBIA.

A rabid coach dog bit a valuable horse a few weeks ago in Brooklyn. The dog was shot, and the wound which had been inflicted on the horse's leg healed. About six days ago the owner of the horse, Mr. John About six days ago the owner of the horse, Mr. John S. Loomis, called in a veterinary surgeon. The horse became so violent that it was necessary to lock it up in a broad stail. It frothed at the mouth, and in its fury broke pieces of thick boards off the pen. It was impossible for any person to go near the animal. The surgeon becare convinced that the horse had hydrophobia. Water was rejected, and a cold current of air passing over the back of the beast increased the parcaysms which mark the disease. The horse was killed by one of the officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on Wodnesday afternoon.

## THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

The members of the Produce Exchange have decided by a vote of 522 for to 322 against closing the Exchange next Saturday. As it requires a two-third vote to order the Exchange closed, of course it will remain open to-

## A SUBURBAN TAX GROWL

The assessors of the several towns of Richmone county have made the returns, and the following table shows the the amount of real and personal property in

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	Real.	Personal.
Castleton	\$2,514,775	\$164,500
Middleton	3,575,868	153,600
outhBeld	2,929,552	358,500
Westfield	1,724,613	152,750
Norshfield	2,487,550	23,850
It is alleged that these asse	ssments are in	several in-
stances unequal and unjust,	especially in	the case of
Castleton, which for some		
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## BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE.

Eliza Haggerty, an insane woman, residing at No. 189 Passaic street, Newark, while in a state of frenzy yesterday morning seized a pair of tailor's shears and attempted to cut her tongue out. She did not quite succeed in severing this member, but she managed to wound it so badly that she will not have the use of it for some time.

## A FATHER KILLS HIS CHILD.

Michael Trainor, a laborer, residing at No. 120 John street, Brooklyn, was arrested last evening, charged with causing the death of his child. Catherine A. Trainor, aged seven months, by falling on the little one while under the influence of liquor. THE CROTON WATER SUPPLY.

MEETING OF THE NEW YORK MUNICIPAL

A special meeting of the association was held at the new building of the society, No. 67 Madison avenue, last evening. Mr. Dorman B. Eaton, the president, being absent, Mr. Samuel D. Babcock, vice president occupied the chair. Among those present and taking part in the meeting were Mr. Jackson S. Schultz, Thomas C. Acton, George H. Andrews. Jared C. Wet-more, Henry F. Spalding, William H. Lee, A. R. Whit-Laimbeer, William H. Appleton, Judge C. P. Daly, Elliot C. Cowdin, Rev. Dr. Bellows and others.

The report of a special committee to investigate the question of the Croton water supply and the expediency of erecting a new aqueduct was laid before the meeting and read by Mr. George B. Butler.

In pursuance of the object of the society and of the investigation made by the committee the following colutions were offered and unanimously adopted :-Resolved. That it is expedient to construct a third storage reservoir of a capacity of at least thirty six days supply, in addition to the one at Boyd's Comers and the one on the Middle Branch, and that measures to this end should be taken without delay.

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#### THE BRIDGE WIRES.

TRUSTEES ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE ENGINEERS MEET MR. HILL'S STATEMENTS.

The Brooklyn Bridge affairs were very quiet yesterday, and nothing new came to light in regard to the result of the bidding for the specifications. It is re-ported, however, that the interviews with Mr. Hilland Professor Vinton, exposing the mathematical errors in the specifications, have created considerable excitement among some of the trustees, and the engineers have been ordered to prepare an answer to the charges ne was to be interviewed, declined saying anything uniess his name was suppressed. After consenting to keep his named sacred the following conversation ensued:— REPORTER-What do you think of the result of Mr.

TRUSTEE-I am glad to find Mr. Hill or sny other competent engineer who is willing to examine the specifications, as, of course, I and the other members of the Board have not been educated to the profession

of the Board have not been educated to the profession of engineering.

REPORTER—What action are the Board of Trustees going to take in the matter?

TRUSTER—That I really cannot tell you, as up to the present the Executive Committee have issued no call for a meeting. I fancy that the trustees will have the specifications thoroughly examined by a competent board of engineers before they award the contract.

REPORTER—Can you tell me whether Colonel Roebling ever sent a letter to the Board of Trustees stating that a quality of Bessemer steel was being manufactured at

long connected?
TRESTRE-I am sorry that such a question should arise, as it must naturally place the Colonel in a rather embarrassing position. You may rest assured, however, that he will show no favoritism in his report.
REPORTER—Have you no idea what the engineers have reported?
TRUSTER—No, I have not; and if I had I should not mention it before it had been laid before the Board of Trustees.

#### SCRANTON COAL SALE.

pany:- November 22		December 21.	
Steamboat	.\$2 77% a -	\$2 85 a 2 87 14	
Grate	. 2 67 % a 2 75	280 a 285	
Egg		2 87 % a 2 92 %	
Stove		3 65 A 3 67 14	
Chestnut		3 20 n 3 25	

## BUSINESS TROUBLES.

The following assignments with schedules were ves terday filed in the Court of Common Pleas:-Charles Dericth and Fordinand Dericth, comprising the firm of Dericth & Co., to Francis A. Sedeele; the Habilities are stated at \$43,876 76, nominal assets \$41,320 53, real assets \$29,283. Samuel Greenwood to William Neely; the habilities are stated at \$29,930 63, and assets \$1,416 60. The following assignments were also filed in the County Clerk's office:-Joseph Schmidt to

clied in the Gounty Cierk's office:—Joseph Schmidt to Ashbal P. Fitch, Salem & Benjamin Lissner to Fred-erick Lewia, and Meyer Freeman & Marks Greenbaum to Stephen J. Weaver. J. Schoendorf & Co., manufacturers of felt skirts at No. 53 Leonard street, have failed. Their habilities amount to about \$50,000, and assets \$35,000. The creditors are generally in layor of accepting a com-promise, which will probably be fifty cents on the dollar.

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Edward Traube has been adjudicated a bankrupt by Register Allen on the petitions of three creditors whose claims are as follows.—Jacob Levy. \$3,000; Goroniet Savings Bank of St. Louis, \$2,000; Jacob Koehler, \$1,550.

Register Ketchum has adjudicated Rafus Wattles, whose importer at No. 10 Broadway, a bankrupt on the petitions of Porter & Sons, M. L. Bininger, J. G. Breen, Edward W. Blockwell and Samuel Shewill.

The property of the Ulster County Ice Company, of which Marcus Turck and William B. Nassau, of this city, are receivers will be sold by the Sheriff of Ulster county to-day.

Tamlyn Brothers, clothlers of Eighth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, offer to compromise at twenty cents on the dollar cash. Twolve of the creditors have accepted the proposition. The largest creditors are Collins, Downing & Co., \$2,465; Hirsch Brothers, \$1,523; W. P. Douglass, \$1,163.

George L. Schuyler & Son, lumber dealers, Thirty-fifth street and East River, have temporarily suspended, with liabilities estimated at \$100,000. It is probable that an extension will be obtained, as the creditors express a willingness to grant it.

## HOW MERCHANTS ARE ROBBED.

Frederick Meyers, a porter in the employ of Mesers Pratt & Farmer, of No. 29 Mercer street, was arraigned at the Washington Place Court yesterday aftern charged with having robbed his employers of 8,000 gross of buttons, valued at \$4,000. The facts in the case were as follows:—On the morning of the 18th inst. the premises of Mosers. Pratt & Farmer, who are importers of foreign goods, was plundered of the property in question, The case was placed in the hands of Captain McDonneil and Detective Reynolds, of the Righth preciset, who learned from George Lagenhoff, a porter at No. 35 Mercer street, that on the morning of the 18th inst., between seven and half-past seven o'clock, he saw Meyers open the door of Messra. Pratt & Farmer's premises and then call a truckman, who was near by. The truckman drove up, when Meyers entered the store, carried out the boxes of buttons and placed them on the truck. The cartman then drove away, and Meyers relocked the stere. On this information Captain McDonneil arrested Meyers. The prisoner, who denied his guilt, was remanded to await the production of further evidence. gross of buttons, valued at \$4,000. The facts in the

## TO WASH HIS HONOR.

Henry Miller attempted to drown himself in the East River on Wednesday because his uncle, Carston Heilston, of No. 772 Eleventh avenue, with whom he worked, had caused his arrest on a charge of larcony. Judge Wandell, at the Fifty-seventh Screet Court, committed him to the care of the Commissioners of Charates and Correction.

# THE ATLANTIC GALES.

Extraordinarily Rough Passages by the European Steamers.

THE CITY OF BERLIN STILL OUL

Story of a Midwinter Trip by a Scotch Captain.

#### "BLOWING BIG GUNS."

The persistent northwesterly gales and beavy seas that have prevailed for some time past bave delayed the voyages of the ocean steamships to an aimost unrrived yesterday, and several are yet to be heard

The Rhein, Captain Franks, of the Bremen line, arrived on Wednesday afternoon, after a passage of four-teen days and twenty hours. Yesterday there arrived the steamships Wyoming, Captain Jones, from Liver-pool; Louis, Captain McNab, from the Mediterranean, and the Tyrian, Captain Murray, also from the Mediterranean. Late last evening the steamships City of Berlin, Captain Kennedy, and the Labrador, of the French line, had not arrived and were considerably

All steamers that have arrived report exceedingly rough weather. Some of the captains state that the seas and gales they encountered were the heaviest in their experience. The steamers show the roughness of the voyage by their generally rusty and battered ap pearance. The smokestacks are covered with the salt the dashing spray has left upon them, and the sides look as if they had not been painted in fifteen years. Not alone have the steamships suffered, but the sailing vessels also present the appearance of hav ing experienced a stormy season. Those that have arrived during the past week are coated with snow and ice, and the crews as well as the ships appear to have battled severely with the elements. A representative of the Heralo yesterday visited several of the steam-ships just arrived, and the prevailing opinion scemed to be that the last voyage was the roughest in years.

THE STRAMSHIP TYRIAN.

The Tyrian, Captain Murray, of the Anchor line, rrived at this port last night, from the Mediterranean, by way of Halifax, N. S., where she put in

ranean, by way of Halifax, N. S., where she put in short of coal, after the long trip of twenty-eight days from Gibraltar. Last evening a Herand representative boarded her at pier No. 12 North River, and found Chief Officer Hassonstein, who gave the following interesting account of the terrible weather the good ship had experienced.

'The Tyrian,'' said the chief officer, 'has behaved splendidity and proved herself once more a first class sea boat. The experiences we have gone through would have tried to her core any ship not thoroughly seaworthy. We left Genoa at the end of October, and, after calling a number of ports for cargo, left Gibraltar for this port on the 23d of November, with light southwesterly breezes. This continued up to the 28th of November, when we were in 37 deg. 38 min. north latitude, and 25 deg. west longitude, say about 900 miles from the Spanish coast, when we tell in with bad weather. By this time we had made about one-third of our run. On that day it blew fresh gales, with very heavy seas from the southwest, veering to the northwest, the vessel shipping immense seas fore and aft. This weather continued up to the 2d inst., when it improved somewhat for twenty-lour hours, but only te blow harder, with beavier seas, or succeeding days. I weather continued up to the 2d inst., when it improved somewhat for twenty-four hours, but only to blow harder, with beavier seas, on succeeding days. I cannot illustrate it better than by saying that from the 10th to the 11th, from noon to noon, we only made twenty-six miles progress. You can imagine that it was olowing protty big guas at this time. On the 12th we had a few comparatively good hours, but on the following day we again had terrine gales, shipping seas fore and alf, but in spite of all the Tyrian behaved spilendidy.

with his breast pocket heaving in the throse of his undervered poem. All sensitive cuitzens are now warned and can adopt precautionary measures when he heaves in sight.

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An important meeting of the Gold Exchange was held yesterday afternoon, President C. O. Morris in the chair, to take action on a resolution that at the next meeting of the Excellence of the Exchange role No. 4 of the bylaws be sitered, substituting for the words "Hew York Gold Exchange Bank". "National Bank of the State of Now York." This was alterward smeeted, adopt on the Age of sain and the balance scanned, adolg "or Metopolitan Bank." "National Bank of the State of Now York." This was alterward smeeted, adolg "or Metopolitan Bank." "National Bank of the State of Now York." This was alterward smeeted, adolg "or Metopolitan Bank." "National Bank of the State of Now York." This was alterward smeeted, adolg "or Metopolitan Bank." "National Bank of the State of Now York." This was alterward smeeted, adolg "or Metopolitan Bank." "National Bank of the State of Now York." This was alterward smeeted, adolg "or Metopolitan Bank." "National Bank of the State of Now York." This was alterward smeeted, adolg "or Metopolitan Bank." "National Bank of the State of Now York." This was alterward smeeted, adolg "or Metopolitan Bank." "National Bank of the State of Now York." This was alterward smeeted, adolg "or Metopolitan Bank." "National Bank of the State of Now York, the old the Age of the Now York, the old the Now York is a proported to-day to wait upon the Gold Exchange who has been its president for nine years, has retured from the president for nine years, has retured from the president for nine years, has retured from the president for nine years, has retured fro

passage of fitteen days, having encountered northwesterly gaies during near the whole of her passage
and high head seas. Her last passage to this port was
made in eight and a half days, which shows a notable
contrast to the time employed on the present trip.
She left Liverpool on the same day as the steamship
City of Bristol, which was dismasted, lost her second
officer and four of the crew, and had to put back disabled to Queenstown on the 19th inst. Captain Jones,
of the Wyoming, who has been in the employ of Williams & Guion for the past quarter of a century on
sailing ships and steamers, informed the writer yesterday that he never, in all his experience, recollected a
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Said no:—"We left Liverpool on the 7th, with the Egypt, of the National line, and kept side by side with her for two days, after which we lost sight of her and didn't see her again during the voyage. She took a more southerly course than we did. During the voyage the sea was worse, it anything, than the wind, which would suddenly shift from northwest to southerst. The weather continued about the same to the Cape (Race), when we had two days' snow, which covered us up, and we could see nothing during the storm. We had no canvas set during the voyage, as nothing would have held. I have been a master for twenty years, and the last trip was the worst I ever experienced in a steamer. The smallest day's run we had was 110 miles and the greatest 270."

To the question of the writer as to whether there was reason to fear for the Egypt or the City of Berlin the Captain said that the Egypt had "a clean bottom and was ireshly painted and ought to be in by this time." The City of Berlin did not leave until the day after the Wyoming.

The steamship Rhein was lying at her pier at Hoboken last evening, taking in cargo, when the writer boarded her. She had arrived on Wednesday evening and was preparing to leave next Saturday on her regular time. Captain Franke, her commander, very courteously told the story of her voyage. The steamer left Southampton on the 5th, and on account of the westerly gale was compelled to go out around the last of Wight instead of the regular passage. From the start heavy gales were experienced. So heavy were they that I: was found necessary to heave to twice—the first time on account of the wind on the 14th. The regular course was kept as ar as possible. For eight days it was impossible to take observations. There was very little snow during the voyage.

ALONG THE COART.

The Circassian, cast ashore at Bridghampton, L. L., is rapidly going to pieces.

THE EGYPT REPORTED.

1 A. M.

The steamship Egypt is reported in the Bay. PILOTS FINED. The pilots of the two steamers, Crystal Wave, of New York, and Middletown, of Staten Island, which came

# in collision while going down the bay, have been fined \$50 each by the steamboat inspectors, the former for not giving his boat sufficient room to cross the bow of the Middletown, and the latter for not stopping his boat to avoid the collision. "LIFE IS A BURDEN."

Adolph Simon, a well known resident of Jersey City, committed suicide yesterday morning at his residence, No. 778 Jersey avenue, by shooting himself through the heart. His mind had been affected for several the heart. His mind had been affected for several weeks past by business troubles, and he frequently complained that he was tired of life. He awoke at seven o'clock yesterday morning, took a cup of coffice and read the newspaper. He complained that he did not feel well. He retired to his bedroom and locked the door. Soon after a report of a pistol was heard. The door was burst open and the unfortunate man was found lying dead, the bullet having pierced the heart. The pistol was lying by his side. Deceased was for a long time president of the Turners' Society. He served during the war in Company G, Twenty-first regiment, New Jersey. In a note found beside his bed was the sentence, "You will be better off without me, for life is a burden." Deceased was thirty-three years of age.

## BAD O'BRIEN.

James O'Brien, who attempted to murder Henry Way at the corner of Moumouth and Montgomery streets, Jersey City, on Wednesday night, by plunging a knife into his breast, was brought before Justice Keese parterday and committed for trial.